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Time Capsule buried at Aruba's Historic Plaza



The two children of advisor and volunteer of the Museum, Frederick and Monica Nuboer, had the honor of signing an agreement with the Aruba Museum to open a Time Capsule buried there on September 3rd., 2011,.... 25 years from now on August 18, 2036.



Both children will open the Time Capsule on August 18 of 2036 to show the community how Aruba was in 2011!

The Nuboer family was

chosen because this couple was married on the patio of the Museum. Also, because during the time that Alice Van Romondt was president of



the Foundation they had talked about the idea of a Time Capsule. At that time Frederick Nuboer was the only member of the Foundation's Board who had small children.

There are lots of items in the Time Capsule which are impressions of what Aruba is today. Among the times are: photos of the Airport, the Wharf, City Hall building, Governor's Office, Parliament, Counsel of Ministers, the Museum and her staff and Board, a copy of the newspaper of the day, today's music, sneakers currently in style, magazines and

articles of importance which reflect the image of Aruba in 2011.

The photos were produced by Tera Group N.V. It will be very interesting to look back at Aruba in 2036 and see what Aruba was like 25 years ago!

Following the presentation everyone in attendance were invited for a snack in the Patio of the Museum.

The evening was graced with folkloric music by the Alma Foklorico group. The intention is to begin offering lectures on the history of Aruba in the Museum very soon.

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The story of
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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Talks fail for surrender of Kadhafi bastion

SHISHAN (AFP) - Negotiations for the surrender of Moamer Kadhafi's forces in the Libyan town of Bani Walid failed Sunday and will not resume, an official said, opening the way for a military attack.

"I am leaving the military commander to resolve the problem," said Abdullah Keshil, the chief negotiator for the anti-Kadhafi National Transitional Council (NTC).

The town southeast of Tripoli is one of the last strongholds of pro-Kadhafi fighters where at least one of the ousted despot's sons is reputed to be hiding.

Keshil said the fighters

had wanted to come out with their weapons but were refused.

"They demanded that the revolutionaries enter Bani Walid without their weapons," he added, charging that it was a pretext for an ambush.

Keshil also said Kadhafi himself, his sons and many of his family had been in Bani Walid, without specifying when. Some had left but two of Kadhafi's sons, Saadi and Mutassim, are suspected of still being there.

Negotiations through the intermediary of tribal leaders began several days ago with the hope of taking Bani Walid

without bloodshed.

Meanwhile NTC military spokesman Ahmed Omar Bani confirmed earlier reports of the death of Kadhafi's son Khamis, and said that the son of the strongman's spy master Abdullah Senussi was also killed.

Bani Walid is the heartland of the powerful Warfalla tribe, which made up the core of Kadhafi's army and was given top political positions within the regime.

But it has split over whether to back Kadhafi or not, said tribesmen who have sided with the NTC and are among the NTC forces besieging the town.

Iran hangs six convicts in prison

TEHRAN (AFP) -Iran on Sunday hanged three people found guilty of "forbidden acts" as well as two convicted rapists and a drug trafficker in a prison of the southwestern city of Ahvaz, ISNA news agency reported.

Three of the prisoners were hanged for committing "forbidden acts against religion," the report said, without elaborating.

Other charges against the three included kidnapping and theft, Khuzestan provincial judiciary spokesman Hojja-toleslam Abdolhamid Amanat was quoted as saying.

Two convicted rapists and

a drug smuggler were sent to the gallows in the same prison.

Iranian media reported 179 hangings last year but international human rights groups say the actual number was much higher, ranking the Islamic republic second only to China in the number of people it executed in 2010.

Tehran says the death penalty is essential to maintain law and order, and it is applied only after exhaustive judicial proceedings.

Murder, rape, armed robbery, drug trafficking and adultery are among the crimes punishable by death in Iran.

Haiti probes Uruguayan UN peacekeepers in rape case

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Haitian officials have opened

an investigation into four Uruguayan UN peacekeepers in the sexual assault of an 18-year-old male, magistrate Paul Tarte announced.

The investigating judge told AFP that officials were examining testimony from the youth and images of the incident taken by a telephone camera at the base in southern Haiti, which have also been circulated on the Internet. Medical evidence of the attack also was obtained.

"After having viewed the evidence, we have turned the case over to prosecutors for further action," Tarte said, adding that there had been no questioning of the four suspects.

Tarte said he met with the head of the Uruguayan battalion who "assured me that the soldiers had been placed in isolation and are being transferred to Port-au-Prince."

The magistrate said he was also looking into cases of sexual relations between peacekeepers and young Haitian

females who had become pregnant.

UN peacekeeping spokesman Kieran Dwyer said the United Nations acted immediately after hearing about the incident late last week.

"If the allegations are proved, perpetrators must be brought to justice and we welcome the firm commitment of the defense minister of Uruguay in this regard," he told AFP.

The UN mission in Haiti, MINUSTAH, has instructed military police to gather information on the identities of possible victims and perpetrators, Dwyer said. Troop members allegedly involved in the incident were confined to barracks and help is being given to the victim.

The UN mission, dispatched to help maintain order and security following a devastating 2010 earthquake, has also come under fire after a cholera outbreak that could have been transmitted by Nepalese peacekeepers.

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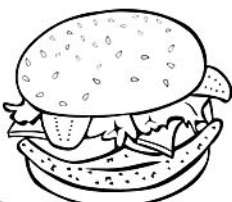
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Panamanian Commerce exploring Partnerships with Aruba

A delegation from Panama headed by the Vice Minister of Commerce and Industry of Panama, Jose Domingo Arias recently visited Aruba to explore the possibilities for co-operation between Panama and Aruba.

Among some of the factors for a successful economy in Aruba are our ability to attract strategic investments, business growth, innovation and competitiveness. Strategic partners from the region, as well as from the global platform will help Aruba achieve her economic goals.

Panama is experiencing an impressive consistent economic growth. According to



IMF, Panama will be the leader of economic growth in Latin America and the

Caribbean for 2011 to 2015. They forecast a growth of 6.7% this year which they ex-

pect will continue through to 2015.

According to Minister of Economic Affairs, Michelle Hooyboer- Winklaar, Aruba wants to establish important associations with others in our region to position Aruba as a type of hub that could link us strategically with South America, North America and Europe.

The Aruba Minister of Economic Affairs briefed the Panama delegation on the various forms of business structures on Aruba. She also introduced them to some of the projects currently in the works, such as ARINA – Aruba Investment Agency, the law on the reduction of import duties on "green" products, and the establishment of a Help Desk for small businesses designed to help business owners to obtain small loans.

The intention is to continue exploring the opportunities between Aruba and Panama, which undoubtedly, will help our strategic goals and promote economic sus-

tainability, business growth and continue fortifying our economy.

The Aruba Minister shared with the Panama delegation that, currently there is work being done on a "Double Taxation Treaty" together with the office of Vice-Minister De Lima.

Winklaar-Hooyboer indicated that..."there is no doubt that strategic partners from our region and from around the globe will play a major role in helping us achieve our goals."

The Panama delegation came to Aruba at this time as a follow up to Minister Winklaar-Hooyboer's visit to Panama last year. In her visit last year she explored the possibilities for cooperation between Aruba and Panama. No doubt, our geographic position, our relationship with the US and Europe are sufficient reasons for forming alliances between Aruba and Panama.

Aruba's Public Prosecutor's office releases still shot and video of possible witness in missing of US tourist



The Office of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba again calls on the public to give information to the police about the man G.V.G. who was arrested August 5, 2011 as a suspect in the investigation into the possible drowning of the American woman R.G. on August 2, 2011.

After releasing photos of the suspect, the woman R.G. and the white Toyota Rav 4 with licence number V-787 on August 11 and 24, 2011, the Office of the Public Pros-

ecutor has decided today to publish a still shot and part of a video of a security camera of the JADS Dive Center the afternoon of the alleged drowning of the woman.

A white Hyundai Getz can be seen on the still shot and the video, driving in northern direction at about 17.59 PM on the road between the Rum Reef Restaurant and the sea. Following the statements of the suspect G.V.G., the driver of this car and the passengers could have seen the white

Toyota RAV 4, the rental car the suspect and the woman R.G. drove during their stay on Aruba, parked near the sea behind the Rum Reef Restaurant. It is possible that they have also seen the man G.V.G. and the woman R.G. The Office of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba urgently requests the driver of this Hyundai Getz and/or the passengers to contact the Police of Aruba or to call the tip-line at 11141. A separate phone line for tips has been opened in the United States. The number is: 297 582 0695, preceded by the international access code. At this line a message can be recorded.

The man G.V.G. and the woman R.G. arrived in Aruba together on July 31, 2011. according to the statement of the suspect the woman remained in sea near Nanki, after he had come out of the water after snorkeling together.



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Kia Wins Four Design Awards in New Automotive Brand Contest

Kia Motors is one of the main winners in the first-ever Automotive Brand Contest. This new international brand and design competition for new cars was organised by the Rat für Formgebung (German Design Council), which is also responsible for the Designpreis der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (German Design Award).

The judging panel of the first Automotive Brand Contest declared Kia Motors the worthy winner in two categories. In the Brand Design category, where strategy and focus of the brand's overall design is rated, Kia was ranked 'Best of Best'.

For the Exterior category, in which the design of the vehicle itself is the centre of attention, three Kia models were picked as winners: the compact Sportage CUV, the forthcoming Rio B-segment model (on sale from Fall 2011 in most global markets) and the all-new, athletic D-segment Kia Optima sedan. The Kia Optima and Kia Sportage have already been awarded prestigious design prizes: the red dot award (Kia Optima: 'best of the best') and the iF product design award.

"We are all exceedingly proud that Kia Motors has done so well in this new competition, which is very impor-



2012 Kia Optima

tant within the automotive industry," says Kia's Chief Design Officer Peter Schreyer. "By changing our basic design focus, we have given our brand a face, a distinctive identity."

"The 'Best of Best' title for Kia's new design identity in the Brand Design category is a great endorsement of the creative and professional work done by our entire international design team. The latest awards conferred on the Sportage and Optima, and the very first one to go to our latest model, the Rio, reflect the continuity of our efforts to uphold our own high design standards. All four awards are a fantastic acknowledgement of our strategy to position design as a core

Kia brand promise," adds Schreyer.

Three Kia award winning models: design that points to the future

The fourth-generation Kia Rio, which celebrated its world premiere at the 2011 Geneva International Motor Show, is not a further development of its predecessor, but a powerful new personality in its own right. By clearly moving away from its past, the new B-segment model epitomizes Kia's transformation to a design and quality-led brand. The wedge-shaped profile and sleek side windows lend the newcomer dynamic flair, while the balance between window graphics, wheelbase and the vehicle's overall proportions creates a 'premium' impression rarely found in this seg-

ment. Developed with the global market in mind, the Rio will be available in Europe in both three-door and five-door bodystyles, with four-door and five-door bodystyles offered in most other markets.

The newly developed Kia Optima is a model that bears no resemblance to the brand's earlier D-segment vehicles. Peter Schreyer headed the design of the athletic sedan at the Kia design centres in Frankfurt, Germany and Irvine, USA. Immediately following its launch in the Korean market in mid-2010, the Kia Optima topped the D-segment sales chart there – the first Kia model ever to do so.

With its third-generation of the Sportage, Kia has given the popular compact CUV a complete makeover. The Sportage combines all the key off-road

features – raised ground clearance, commanding driving position and heightened sense of security – with a sleek and urban-friendly design. In Europe, the most eco-friendly version, the Sportage 1.7 CRDi 2WD featuring a start/stop system, achieves a CO2 emissions rating of just 135 g/km.

Winners to be presented at IAA motor show in Frankfurt

The Rat für Formgebung (German Design Council), organiser of the newly instituted Automotive Brand Contest, was founded in 1953 as an initiative of the German Federal Parliament, and today counts among the world's leading centers of excellence for communication and knowledge transfer in the field of design.

Among the patrons of this independent institution are 170 companies from both Germany and abroad. With its competitions, such as Designpreis Deutschland (Germany's highest official design award), its exhibitions, as well as its conferences, seminars and workshops, the German Design Council's purpose is to spread the word about good industrial design to a broad public. The Automotive Brand Contest is open to all companies in the automobile industry and their partners, in the supply industry and in the fields of design and brand communications.

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A MOU for better Financial Management for Aruba

Recently, after almost 50 years of not submitting yearly financial statements, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed specifically for the purpose of improving the financial management of Aruba. This, according to the government is a great accomplishment in their intent to be different and to comply with the transparency required for good governance.

The signing took place in the presence of Mr. Frederick Nuboer, Vice President of the Office of Supreme Audit, President of Parliament, Mr. Paul Croes, Prime Minister Emanuel and Minister of Finance, Mike de Meza.

The Law of Accountability gives Aruba a legal instrument by means of the Constitution to apply strict controls over expenses and income of the island. The Prime Minister remarked that this signing was a major achievement considering that for the past 50 years we did not comply with submitting an annual financial account and getting such approved. Over the past 50 years Aruba has submitted island budgets and yearly



From L to R: Mr. Nuboer, PM Eman, Mr. Croes and Min. de Meza

statements, but yearly financial statements were never presented to Parliament for ratification and approval as prescribed by law.

The signing of this MOU between the Government and the Office of Supreme Audit consolidates our commitment to follow through on this, ac-

cording to Prime Minister Eman. Indeed, the government has been submitting budgets to Parliament for funds they need to use which Parliament approves. But there has not been that annual review of the funds used to ascertain that in truth and in fact the funds were used as

designated, which would only be reflected in an annual audit. Parliament needs to do the important work of control over the financial administration of the island.

Based on the MOU signed, the expenses of the 2011 budget must be submitted next year to Parliament to

be controlled as prescribed by the Constitution.

The Prime Minister expressed regret that even after much hard work the government did not succeed in submitting the 2012 budget on September 1st, as was intended. However, they will submit this in much less time than customary. By this week the budget will be submitted to The Office of General Council in the hopes that it will be approved by Parliament before the end of the year.

The President of Parliament in concluded, saying that..."today is a historic moment in which all the discussions regarding submitting annual accounts is over. This date signifies that henceforth we now have made a major leap in a new mechanism of control which Parliament has with respect to our budget. It is also historic in that it is exactly 50 years since no such annual report was submitted to Parliament.

This MOU demonstrates that the government is intent on handling maturely and responsibly all the affairs of its institutions.

Sci-Tech

Happy Feet the penguin begins long swim home



WELLINGTON (AFP) - Happy Feet, the lost penguin who became a worldwide celebrity after he washed up on a New Zealand beach was released back into the Southern Ocean on Sunday to begin a long swim home to Antarctica.

"It's an indescribable feeling to see a patient finally set free. It's definitely the best part of the job," said veterinary surgeon Lisa Argilla who treated the penguin after he was found emaciated and near death in late June.

The emperor penguin, dubbed Happy Feet, was released into the water from the New Zealand fisheries vessel Tangaroa near Campbell Island, about 700 kilometres (435 miles) south of New Zealand's South Island.

His home in Antarctica is about 2,000 kilometres further south and it is expected he will join up with other emperor penguins on the long voyage.

Argilla, the manager of veterinary science at Wellington Zoo, said in a statement from the Tangaroa that the penguin was released down a purpose-built hydro-slide after other options were abandoned because of rough seas.

He needed "some gentle

encouragement" to leave the safety of his crate that has been his home for six days since leaving New Zealand after spending two months at Wellington Zoo, she said.

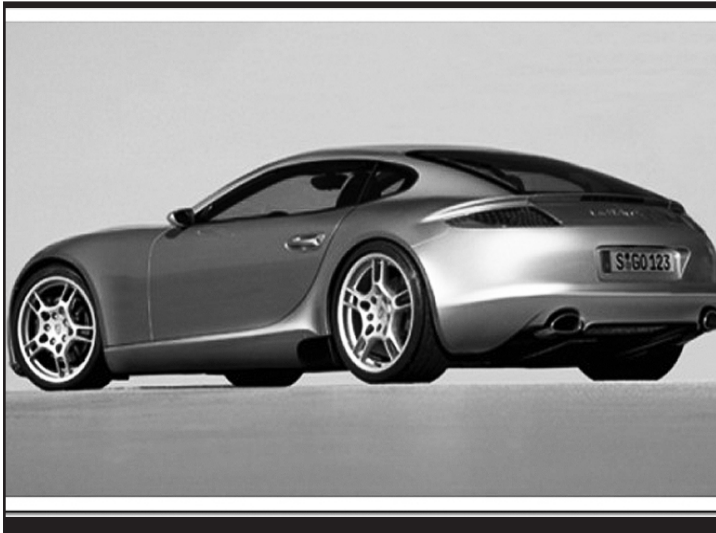
"He slid down his specially designed penguin slide backwards but once he hit the water he spared no time in diving off away from the boat."

The penguin had travelled south in a custom-made crate designed to keep him cold and comfortable during the voyage.

Happy Feet, found on a beach near Wellington in mid-June, was only the second emperor penguin ever recorded in New Zealand.

He was close to death and needed surgery to remove sand and sticks from his stomach before he could be fattened up on a diet of fish milkshakes.

Bentley Continental GTC



Digital Trends While Bentley prepares to unveil their 2012 Bentley Continental GTC at the Frankfurt Auto Show, the one-time rotary aero-engine manufacturer would do well to give thanks to professional athletes and mainstream rap-

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Police help Apple search for missing iPhone

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP)-- San Francisco police have assisted Apple in the search for a prototype of the latest

iPhone that went astray in a bar in a repeat of an embarrassing loss that took place last year.

An Apple employee lost a yet-to-be-released iPhone 5 in a tequila bar in San Francisco's Mission District in July, technology news site CNET reported this week.

After the device was electronically tracked using GPS technology to a San Francisco house, four police officers and two Apple employees visited the home, the San Francisco police said in a statement distributed to news outlets.

"Apple employees called Mission police station directly, wanting assistance in tracking down a lost item," the press release said.

"The two Apple employees met with the resident and then went into the house to look for the lost item," it said. "The Apple employees did not find the lost item and left the house."

The statement did not identify the item being searched for but the title of the document carried a tantalizing hint: iPhone5.doc.

A resident of the home, Sergio Calderon, 22, told SF Weekly that he has visited the

bar where the phone was reportedly lost but he did not have the device. He said the search of his house took place in July.

Cupertino, California-based Apple began selling the iPhone 4 last year and is expected to unveil the latest model, the iPhone 5, in September or October.

Word of another unreleased iPhone model disappearing in a bar came just weeks after prosecutors decided not to pursue criminal charges against Gizmodo technology bloggers who got hold of a lost iPhone 4 prototype last year.

Gizmodo published pictures and details of the iPhone prototype after buying it for \$5,000 from a man who claimed to have found it in a beer garden where it was lost by an Apple software engineer.

Criminal charges have been filed against the man who purportedly found the iPhone 4 prototype and another who brokered the deal to sell it to Gizmodo.

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Health & Living

Fear in US as drug shortages mount

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Shortages of vital drugs, particularly cancer-fighting medication, have raised concerns in the United States, where regulators often have to race to try to find replacements.

A recent report by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found that the number of important treatments that are difficult or impossible to find nearly tripled from 61 to 178 between 2005 and 2010.

Most of the rare medications are for hospital use, including sterile injections, intravenous treatments, anesthetics and antibiotics. The products include both name-brand and generic drugs.

The FDA's efforts are hindered, however, because it cannot force private pharmaceutical companies to produce certain drugs or even require them to notify the agency when they plan to discontinue one, Burgess said.

In 2010 it was able to avert 38 shortages, mainly by persuading other manufacturers to produce the drugs or helping to resolve production issues.

But a survey of 820 hospitals carried out in June by the American Hospital Association found that almost all had

run out of an important drug over the past six months.

Eighty-percent said they had to delay patient treatments because of drug scarcity, and 70 percent said they administered less effective treatments.

The group recently surveyed 1,800 health professionals and found that a third of doctors and a fifth of pharmacists were aware of adverse reactions in their patients -- including deaths -- because of drug shortages.

Cynthia Reilly of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists says the "dramatic increase" in shortages is in part due to "quality issues."

"In a lot of instances the manufacturer is either having problems with the production lines or perhaps they found particular products in vials so they have to do a recall," she said.

Reilly fears the shortages

will worsen as the pharmaceutical industry continues to consolidate, and as more companies stop producing generic drugs because they are less profitable.

"A few years ago five companies were making a similar product. Now there is only one or two... There are not a lot of companies to fill the gap," she said.

She and other advocates believe new legislation to allow the FDA to force companies to alert it six months in advance of closing a production line would be helpful, as it would give the agency more time to find a substitute.

Another problem is the so-called "gray market," whereby distributors scoop up rare drugs and then charge hospitals exorbitant rates for them. Some drugs can fetch up to 1,000 times the normal price.

Health Tip: Losing Your Sense of Taste

A food's flavor is produced by a combination of your senses of taste and smell. If you begin to lose the ability to distinguish foods that are sweet, salty, sour or bitter, a number of factors could be at fault.

The University of Maryland Medical Center offers these possible causes for impaired taste:

- *Getting older.
- *Having Bell's palsy.
- *Having the gum disease gingivitis.
- *Having a cold or the flu, a nasal or salivary gland infection, sinusitis or nasal polyps.
- *Being a heavy smoker.
- *Having dry mouth.
- *Having an injury to the head, nose or mouth.
- *Having pharyngitis, an inflammation of the pharynx.
- *Having a side effect of certain medications.
- *Having a vitamin deficiency.



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9/11 firefighters more likely to get cancer: study



Firefighters exposed to the World Trade Center attacks are more likely to get cancer, while 9/11 rescue workers still suffer high illness rates generally, according to studies published this week.

In a 10th anniversary edition of medical journal The Lancet, scientists said however that death rates among emergency staff and civilians who survived the disaster were lower than those of the wider New York City population.

One study showed that New York City firefighters who rushed to the doomed Twin Towers a decade ago are 19 percent more likely to have cancer than their non-exposed colleagues and a comparable section of the city's population.

There were 263 cancer cases in the exposed firefighters compared with 238 expected from general population data, while from the non-exposed group there

were only 135 compared with 161 expected from the general population.

The study, led by David Prezant, chief medical officer of the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY), and colleagues, looked at 9,853 male firefighters with health records dating back to well before 9/11.

Another study in the Lancet showed a high burden of both physical and mental illness in the estimated 50,000 rescue and recovery workers involved in the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York by Al-Qaeda.

Data gathered from more than 27,000 of those workers, who enrolled in a federally funded monitoring programme, showed that 28 percent had developed asthma, 42 percent sinusitis, and 39 percent gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Twenty-eight percent had depression, 32 percent had post traumatic stress disorder and 21 percent had panic disorder, said the study by Juan Wisnivesky, of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York state.

But World Trade Center-exposed rescue workers and civilians have had lower death rates than New York City general population, a third study by researchers at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.



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A very interesting and useful collection of tech toys, with some completely new and unique to the island.

Technoland is open seven days a week, from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM, and on Sundays, they open at noon.

by Rosalie Klein

L'Oreal signs on as official sponsors of the Miss Aruba Pageant



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Rene Lacle of Star Promotions and Leonello Araujo of Romar

Star Promotions P/R Manager Carolina Raven and Team Leader Farrah Figaroa were pleased to introduce L'Oreal Paris Makeup Artist Mimi Williams, during a press conference recently at La Bodega. Ms. Williams confirmed that L'Oreal Paris was indeed signing on as an official sponsor of this year's Miss Aruba Pageant, staged by Star Promotions.

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expressed they are thrilled to have such a quality and renowned makeup brand as L'Oreal to join the process of transforming Aruba's loveliest young ladies into polished, glamorous beauty pageant contenders. The winner of this 42nd Miss Aruba Pageant, to take place on December 3, will go on to represent the island at the Miss Universe Pageant 2012. The first and second runners-up usually represent their island at the Miss World and Miss Intercontinental pageants.

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The story of Carlito Duarte



Carlito, Mom Nicolasa and friend Paula

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Bassingthwaight comments to her co-judges after his stunning performance and heartrending story, "it just makes everything you worry about so pathetic."

Carlito Duarte was born in the Dominican Republic, but has lived on Aruba since he was 16; his mother, Nicolasa came to the island to make a career as a hairdresser, and as soon as possible, had him join her. "Carlito was always a sweet boy," she insists, though he states this is not so, he had some lessons to learn about humility. In 2006, when he was 23 and working as a bartender, he was in a car accident that left him comatose.

After 2 days, neurologists informed Nicolasa there was no hope for Carlito; they diagnosed him brain dead and asked her to sign the permission to take him off life support, but she would not. Carlito was her only child and she refused to give up hope. She prayed on her knees in the hospital chapel for his recovery and promised the Lord she would give

up her two-pack a day smoking habit if Carlito recovered.

For more than a month Carlito lay in the hospital with little hope from doctors, but Nicolasa rarely left his side. She hugged him and kissed him, played music and sang for him, and prayed over him. Finally, on the 40th day his lips started moving as if he was kissing her back, and he finally opened his eyes. Five years later, after more than a year in a wheelchair, several treatments and continuing physiotherapy here and in the Dominican Republic, Carlito still shows physical symptoms of his neurological trauma, but his mind is clear and his memory perfect. Tremors, a limp and some aphasia, a physical inability to fully vocalize and form words, are noticeable, but improving with hard work Carlito is determined to fully recuperate and Nicolasa's unwavering love and support are the foundations of his life. She had to completely redesign her home to accommodate his condition.

Carlito recounts that dur-

ing his time in a coma, "I was with Jesus and many other children in a peaceful place, but I begged him to let me return to my mama, I did not want to leave her all alone, and she is suffering. He said no, but I kept asking and asking."

It was a long struggle, but finally he regained much of his mobility, and was looking for some way to "pull his weight," help his mother with the bills and support himself to some degree. A friend suggested he buy wholesale and go out selling treats; over the past few years, he became an Oranjestad icon, standing on a street corner offering his snacks for sale. He is almost always dressed in white, as this is how he saw Jesus while in his coma, and this is his tribute for regaining his life.

Not all of us have the opportunity to meet and be inspired by someone who has triumphed over personal tragedy; perhaps it would do us all some good to do so. Carlito believes he has learned humility from his experience. Rather than being embittered by his misfortune, he feels far more connected and kind to others. During his "time with Jesus," he was told he would not be released "because there are many mean people in the world, and I do not want you among them." Finally, according to

Carlito, his persistence was rewarded and he was allowed join his mother back in this world, but "he was given a mission" to start a foundation to help people. He is not exactly sure where to direct this energy, but he and his mother feel they must "give back to the community" because of their good fortune.

People from around Aruba and other islands have heard of Carlito and some come here to seek him out to listen to his story, first hand. They leave encouraged and enlightened "healed" many of them say, realizing how inconsequential their own personal difficulties are and convinced they are not insurmountable. This is the message Carlito hopes to bring to all by his continued public presence: life may throw you a curveball, but you just have to keep swinging. "My life is joyful," insists Carlito, "I have the love of my mother and friends. This is what I want for all those who are so sad and think their life has no hope to realize, it gets better. Life is beautiful; you have to fight for your dreams, and have faith. Be a good person, respect everyone, and remember always, it does get better."

Postscript: Nicolasa has not smoked a single cigarette since that day Carlito opened his eyes.

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18. Prepares Parmesan
20. Exist in the present
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28. Currency
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31. Reduce by 50%
32. Córdoba kin
33. Cleo's critter
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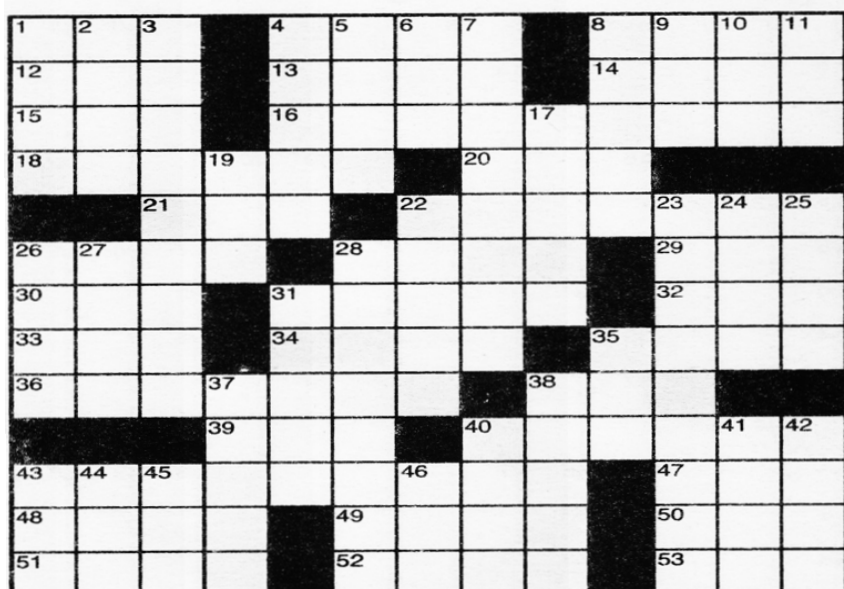
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53. Summer, in Versailles

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4. Bicycle-motorcycle link
5. Friendly French fellows

6. Knucklehead
7. Original
8. Oda dwellers
9. Mine extract
10. Great quantity
11. Kilt-wearer's accessory
17. Humming sound
19. "..... folly to be wise" (Thomas Gray)
22. Like a quality chocolate bunny
23. Guitar case item, perhaps
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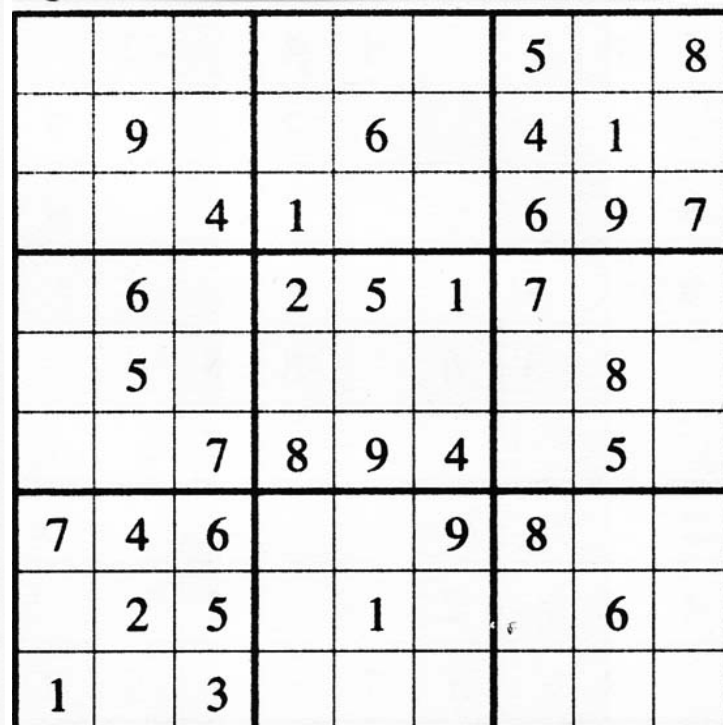
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Finance

India paid \$5 bn Iran oil debt in full: central bank



NEW DELHI (AFP) - India has fully paid its \$5 billion oil arrears to Iran without bartering to bypass sanctions-related payment problems, the official news agency IRNA reported Sunday quoting Iran's central bank chief.

"While all of India's \$5 billion oil arrears have been paid to Iran, the country will always have some leftover debt (to pay) due to fresh oil sales," Mahmoud Bahmani said.

"Despite India favouring

exchange of goods and barter for paying its debt, Iran refused this proposal... Iran has not so far bartered for oil payments," he added.

Last month, New Delhi finally resolved a payment row with Tehran after more than six months of struggling to pay its dues amassed as a result of international banking sanctions on Iran over its suspected nuclear programme.

As a result, various Asian and European banking channels used by New Delhi to pay Iran, Germany in particular, were closed off.

India is Iran's second largest oil client after China, and absorbs about 20 percent of the Islamic republic's crude exports.

The South Asian country buys about 400,000 barrels of

Iranian crude per day, with annual oil trade between the two nations standing at an estimated \$12 billion.

Tehran has been slapped with several rounds of international economic sanctions over its programme of uranium enrichment, which Western powers suspect has a military dimension, despite Tehran's repeated denials.

The United States has also imposed its own unilateral sanctions on Iranian banks, posing risks for foreign companies which deal with them.

Indian Petroleum Minister S. Jaipal Reddy said in August his country would use a banking system via Turkey, which has boosted its political and economic relations with Iran in past year by refusing to adopt US and European sanctions against its neighbour.



BULLE, Switzerland: A Gruyere cheese wheel is checked during maturing operation in a giant cellar in Bulle, western Switzerland. Since at least 1115 AD in and around the small town of Gruyeres, the cheese is still manufactured to the traditional, ancestral recipe in village dairies in French-speaking Switzerland. Last year the European Union had granted Europe-wide protection for Gruyere cheese from Switzerland, sidelining a 2007 bid by French producers of cheeses of the same name.

AFP PHOTO

Strauss-Kahn back in France after New York sex scandal

PARIS (AFP) - Dominique Strauss-Kahn, his hopes for the French presidency scuppered by a sensational New York sex scandal, returned to Paris Sunday to a media frenzy and an uneasy welcome from his Socialist allies.

The former IMF chief and his journalist wife Anne Sinclair arrived at dawn at Charles de Gaulle airport on an Air France flight and were whisked off in a black Peugeot to their apartment in the chic Place des Vosges. Strauss-Kahn has promised to talk about what he has called his "terrible and unjust ordeal" but an aide told journalists massed outside his house that he would not make any statement on Sunday.

Three and a half months ago police hauled the Socialist politician off a plane that was about to leave for Paris from the same airport and charged him with the sexual assault and attempted rape of the hotel maid Nafissatou Diallo.

The 62-year-old spent nearly a week in jail and was then put under house arrest for six weeks and barred from leaving the United States. He was also forced to resign as the International Monetary Fund's managing director.

But late last month he walked free when a judge dismissed the charges against him after prosecutors said they could not pursue the case because his accuser's lack of credibility.

Kuwait, Saudi boosted oil output to ease prices

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - OPEC members Saudi Arabia and Kuwait boosted their oil production in August to prevent prices from rising sharply and negatively impacting on the world economy, Kuwait's oil minister said Sunday.

"Had not a number of OPEC members, including

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, increased their oil production, prices would have jumped way above the current level," Mohammad al-Baseeri told the official KUNA news agency.

"Without this measure, oil prices would have shot above current levels causing a global crisis and contributing to a recession in the global economy which is still recovering from the impact of the 2008 crisis," he said.

The increase in production by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait came after the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries refused in June to raise production, Baseeri said.

The minister said Kuwait's production in August "did not go below 2.8 million barrels per day," way above its OPEC quota of 2.2 million bpd. He put the emirate's output capacity at 3.05 million bpd.

World oil prices slumped

on Friday after the United States reported job creation ground to a halt in August, a stark sign of trouble in the world's largest economy.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for delivery in October, dropped \$2.48 to close at \$86.45 a barrel.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in October fell \$1.96 to settle at \$112.33 a barrel on the Intercontinental Exchange.

Baseeri said the sovereign debt crisis in the United States and Europe, the loss of the Libyan oil and inflation in China were the main causes for fluctuations in oil prices.

Kuwait has demanded at OPEC's past meeting that its production quota be increased, said the minister, adding the Gulf emirate can produce 3.05 million bpd.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

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home, not while waiting on line at check-in desk. In every way, Gold Coast seeks to pamper their guests while providing them with the feeling of being in a cozy community, not the normally bustling resort, particularly experienced during the major holidays. If you wish an optimal vacation

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Spectacular Segafredo in South Beach Center-Much more than great coffee



Segafredo Terrace

South Beach Center in Palm Beach, across from the Radisson Resort, hosts a number of interesting shops and a wealth of restaurants; we just discovered what may be for lovers of Italian food one of the best and most surprising treasures in the area.

For those not familiar with Segafredo, it is an Italian franchise favored around the world for its great coffee. However, the Aruban outlet now offers so much more. Combined with its charming terrace and the open-air European ambiance, those seeking a delightful dining experience will be as pleasantly surprised as we were while testing out the offerings of their newly acquired award-winning chef.

The cozy eatery now boasts a diverse menu of Panini and Piadine, pastas and antipasti, salads and gourmet thin-crust pizza. We were a party of three and shared the Insalata di Mare, (Seafood Salad), Bruschetta al Pomodoro (there are 3 different kinds!), the Linguini Frutti di Mare and a Pizza Segafredo, topped with 2 kinds of cheese, ham, mushrooms, whole black olives, green pepper and roasted eggplant-absolutely delicious, as was every dish. The seafood salad is served with a fresh-baked piadina, a huge, crusty puff of bread that you break up and use to scoop up this delectable mix of shellfish, arugula and



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other tasty items we failed to identify, but nonetheless enjoyed immensely, seasoned to perfection. One of our party claims to be "very, very, fussy about my seafood," and give this dish in particular their highest praise. The linguini was rich with whole shrimp, mussels, clams and calamari in a sauce that was simply exquisite!

More than ample portions allowed us to share everything and depart utterly stuffed. All of this for a final bill of just barely \$60 that left us well satisfied; our tummies were nicely filled and our wallets weren't empty, always a significant plus in enjoying one's meal. Segafredo offers some tempting desserts, a nice wine list and imported Italian beer, which perfectly complements their 13 varieties of pizza- or invent your own, and a nice selection of typical desserts, such as Tiramisu. They have a fine cabinet of after-dinner liqueurs and patrons are welcome to extend their evening at the South Beach Lounge. Dinner hours are from 6:00 PM to 1:00, so if you have a late-night urge for something special, this is definitely the place.



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Indian state mulls ban on black magic, witchcraft



A typical Hindu Homam or Havan (fire ceremony).

MUMBAI (AFP) - Chanting to cure snakebites, claiming to be a reincarnated spouse to obtain sex, and charging for miracles could soon be banned by an Indian state seeking to stop charlatans preying on the vulnerable.

Many superstitions are widely held in India but a campaign group is lobbying hard for a new law in the western state of Maharashtra to outlaw several exploitative activities, with penalties of fines or up to seven years in jail.

But the push to pass the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and Other Inhuman, Evil Practices and Black Magic bill

has not received unanimous support.

Some Hindu nationalists fear the legislation seeks to move beyond the excesses named in its title and might be used to curb cherished religious freedoms.

One right-wing association, the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti, called it "a draconian law targeting faith", denounced its proponents as "atheists" and called for supporters to lobby assembly members to oppose it and demand amendments.

The founder and executive president of the Maharashtra Blind Faith Eradication Committee, which has been calling

for a law for the last two decades, is undeterred and hopes other states will follow suit.

"Superstitions are rampant all over India but at the moment there is no law which stops this type of activity," Narendra Dabholkar told AFP.

The draft law, supported by Maharashtra's ruling Congress-National Congress Party coalition, aims to target "quacks and conmen" who exploit widely-held superstitions and the ignorant, particularly in rural areas.

In May this year, police said they had foiled an alleged attempt to abduct and kill a seven-year-old girl in a village near Nashik, northwest of Mumbai, as part of a ritual to find hidden treasure.

And last year, a childless couple in a remote village some 675 kilometres (420 miles) east of Mumbai were

arrested for allegedly killing five young boys because a religious mystic told them it would help the woman to conceive.

Practices to be banned by the proposed law include beating a person to exorcise ghosts or making money by claiming to work miracles.

Treating a dog, snake or scorpion bite with chants instead of medicine, and seeking sexual favours by claiming to be an incarnation of a holy spirit or the client's wife or husband in a past life would also be proscribed.

Some critics, however, say the draft law does not go far enough and has been watered down since it was first mooted way back in 1995 due to protests from pro-Hindu groups.

Concerns about the draft law's impact on legitimate religious practices from Hindu

nationalist groups such as the Shiv Sena in Maharashtra and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have delayed its passing.

They say it could be used to prevent common Hindu rites like the "havan" ritual, in which a consecrated fire is lit in the home to chase away evil spirits.

Dabholkar rejects the charge that the bill is anti-religion.

For Edamaruku, whose organisation seeks to debunk superstition and promote scientific reasoning, a new India-wide law against charlatans is vital to build on the great strides made by the country in recent years.

Continued belief in superstitions and black magic "will hinder India's development," he said. "A countrywide law is needed. We need to fight against ignorance."



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(L-R) Jamaica's Nesta Carter, Michael Frater, Yohan Blake and Usain Bolt pose by the stop clock with their new world record time of 37.04 (AFP photo)

DAEGU (AFP) - Sprint superstar Usain Bolt brought the world championships to a thrilling climax Sunday as his Jamaican team smashed the world 4x100m relay record on the last night of action in Daegu.

It was Bolt's second gold of the worlds after winning the 200m crown and marked a fairytale ending for the sprinter, who on only the second day of the championships saw his 100m dream shattered when he false-started.

Jamaica's team of Nesta Carter, Michael Frater, Yohan Blake and Bolt got off to a flyer and never looked like being caught, Bolt stretching every sinew to cross the line in 37.04sec to beat their previous world record of 37.10 set in the final of the Beijing Olympics.

France took silver and St Kitts and Nevis bronze.

Main challengers the United States failed to finish after Darvis Patton tumbled to the ground and could not get the baton to Walter Dix who was running the anchor leg.

Elsewhere on the track, Mo Farah ensured Olympic hosts Britain ended the worlds on a high with 5,000m gold.

Farah won a thrilling battle down the home stretch to take gold, putting behind him the frustration of just missing out on the 10,000m title.

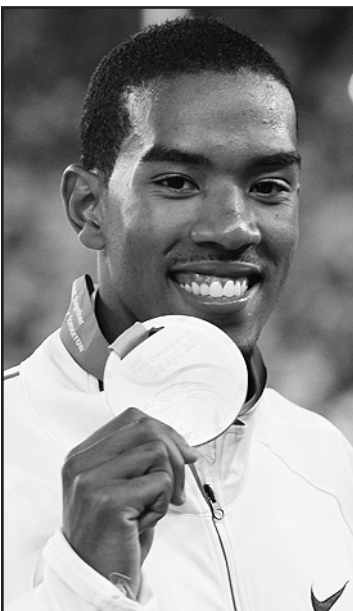
Farah was pushed hard by 2007 champion Bernard Lagat of America but found the strength to stay in front, crossing the line in 13min 23.36sec, just 0.28sec ahead of his American rival.

Ethiopia's Dejen Gebremeskel took bronze after his team-mate Imane Merga was disqualified for stepping

inside the curb.

Farah, the first British athlete to win a global long-distance event, said: "It hasn't sunk in yet. I wanted to put things right after the 10k. It was key today to wind it up and not let anyone go past me and then dig in after that."

Russia's Mariya Savinova denied Caster Semenya a second consecutive women's 800m title, nipping past the



US athlete Christian Taylor poses with his gold medal during the award ceremony

controversial South African for gold.

The reigning world indoor and European champion timed her run to perfection, coming from near the back of the pack at 600m to clinch the victory in 1min 55.87sec.

Semenya, looking to bury controversy over her true gender, took silver with Kenya's 2007 champion Janeth Jepkosgei claiming bronze.

"The race was pretty good," said Semenya. "Even though I got a silver today I really enjoyed it. It was better

than two years ago. I know I won gold in Berlin, but I am feeling much better today."

After her win in Berlin in 2009, Semenya found herself the target of seedy allegations that saw her cast into limbo because of doubts over her gender.

But she was cleared by the sport's world governing body, the IAAF, and has since been largely accepted by her peers.

Earlier Abel Kirui romped to marathon gold on the streets of downtown Daegu to seal a marathon double for the east African powerhouse.

In yet another show of distance running power by Kenya, Kirui crossed the line in 2hr 07min 38sec, nearly two-and-a-half minutes ahead of team-mate Vincent Kipruto -- the biggest winning margin in world championships history. Ethiopia's Feyisa Lilesa took bronze.

The 29-year-old, who did a celebratory dance after crossing the finishing line, said: "It is really very, very nice for me. It was emotional. I find myself sometimes dancing, rejoicing because it was a very great day."

America's women took gold in the 4x100m relay ahead of Jamaica and the Ukraine and Christian Taylor of the United States won the men's triple jump, pipping Britain's defending champion Phillips Idowu. American Will Claye claimed bronze.

Russia's Tatyana Lysenko won the women's world hammer throw with a best of 77.13m, ahead of Germany's Betty Heidler and China's Zhang Wenxiu.

The United States topped the medals standings with 12 golds, ahead of Russia (nine) and Kenya (seven).

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Aloha Bridge Club Aruba (ABCA) results



RESULTS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

A total of 8 pairs attended the bridge session of this morning at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Geke In 't Veld / Joke Henriquez 61.81%
2. Willy Flanegin / Mar-

itza van Romondt 55.56 %

3. Ineke Jobse / Carola Pinxter 52.08 %

Friday's matches were cancelled.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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Gritty Pennetta denies Peng



reserves to win six straight points and reach the quarter-finals of a Grand Slam for the third time.

Pennetta will face Angelique Kerber, whose 36 winners exactly matched her 36 unforced errors in a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Monica Niculescu in a battle of unseeded players.

World number one Caroline Wozniacki, who will face 2004 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova for a place in the quarters on Monday.

With two unproven top seeds, and the early exits of Sharapova, French Open champion Li Na and Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova, American Serena Williams has stamped her-

self the women's favourite despite her lowly 28th seeding.

The 13-time Grand Slam champion ousted fourth seed Victoria Azarenka and will battle another former world number one, Ana Ivanovic, for a place in the quarter-finals on Monday.

NEW YORK (AFP) - Italy's Flavia Pennetta carved out a 6-4, 7-6 (8/6) victory over a fighting Peng Shuai on Sunday to reach the quarter-finals of the US Open.

Pennetta, the 26th seed, fired 41 winners with nine aces, but Peng made it a fight to the finish as she saved one match point and gave herself four set points in the tiebreaker before Pennetta was able to finish it off.

Pennetta twice came back from service breaks in the second set, but after breaking Peng for a 6-5 lead she was clearly feeling the strain of the long rallies on the Louis Armstrong Stadium.

Serving for the match, she was sick at the back of the court, returning to the baseline to cheers of encouragement of the crowd.

After she was unable to convert a match point at 40-30, however, Peng seized the game and a quick 5-0 tiebreak lead over the reeling Italian.

Trailing 2-6 in the decider, Pennetta mustered all of her

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Brilliant Bjorn charges to European Masters victory

CRANS SUR SIERRE (AFP) - Denmark's Thomas Bjorn clinched his second title in as many weeks after shooting a superb nine-under-par final round of 62 to win the European Masters here on Sunday from Germany's Martin Kaymer.

Bjorn finished at 20-under, four shots clear of former world number one Kaymer, while Rory McIlroy finished joint third at 15-under in his first tournament



since suffering a wrist injury at last month's USPGA Championship.

The 40-year-old Dane arrived in the Swiss Alps buoyed by his triumph in a five-man play-off at the Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles last week.

He came into the final round three shots adrift of overnight leader Jamie Donaldson, but while the Welshman could only muster a 70, Bjorn matched the lowest round of his career, with nine birdies, an eagle and two bogeys in his 62.

Bjorn trailed Kaymer by a shot when the German missed a short bogey-putt at the long 14th, and Bjorn

made him pay by going five-under through the last five holes to clinch the title.

"The way I finished was special and it's been an amazing two weeks," he said afterwards.

"I started hitting my wedges so well last week and

kept it going.

Having also won in Qatar in February, this was Bjorn's third title of the year and it puts him out in front in the race to qualify for the European team at next year's Ryder Cup.

Donaldson was bidding for a first-ever European Tour win but settled for joint third with South Africa's Jaco Van Zyl, who shot a 64, and McIlroy.

Elsewhere, Lee Westwood finished tied for sixth at 14-under, while last year's champion Miguel Angel Jimenez ended at 13-under.

Nick Dougherty, who led after the first round and made his first cut since November last year, faded to finish tied for 45th at four-under.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
NY YANKEES	84	53	.613	--
BOSTON	84	54	.609	0.5
TAMPA	75	63	.543	9.5
TORONTO	69	70	.496	16
BALTIMORE	55	82	.401	29.0
Central				
DETROIT	77	62	.554	--
CLEVELAND	69	67	.507	6.5
CHICAGO	68	68	.500	7.5
MINNESOTA	58	80	.420	18.5
KANSAS	58	82	.414	19.5
West				
TEXAS	79	61	.564	--
LA ANGELES	75	64	.540	3.5
OAKLAND	63	76	.453	15.5
SEATTLE	58	80	.420	20.0

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
PHILADELPHIA	88	47	.652	--
ATLANTA	81	57	.587	8.5
NY METS	67	70	.489	22.0
WASHINGTON	64	73	.467	25.0
FLORIDA	61	77	.442	28.5
Central				
MILWAUKEE	83	57	.593	--
ST. LOUIS	74	65	.532	8.5
CINCINNATI	68	71	.489	14.5
PITTSBURG	64	75	.460	18.5
CHICAGO	59	80	.424	23.5
HOUSTON	47	92	.338	35.5
West				
ARIZONA	79	60	.558	--
SAN FRANCISCO	73	66	.525	6.0
LA DODGERS	68	70	.493	10.5
COLORADO	66	73	.475	13.0
SAN DIEGO	60	79	.432	19.0



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Nadal beats pal Nalbandian to make US Open last 16



Nadal celebrates after beating Nalbandian
NEW YORK (AFP) - Defending champion Rafael Nadal reached the US Open last 16 with a 7-6 (7/5), 6-1,

7-5 victory over gutsy close friend David Nalbandian on Sunday.

But it was an uneven performance from the second-seeded Spaniard who endured a first set hiccup, when he trailed the 76th-ranked Argentine 3-5, and was broken when he served for the match in the ninth game of the third.

Up next for the 10-time Grand Slam title winner is Gilles Muller of Luxembourg, who eased past Russia's Igor Kunitsyn 6-1, 6-4, 6-4, for a place in the quarter-finals.

"It was a tough day. David is a fantastic player and a close friend who has had a tough time with injuries," said Nadal.

"The first set was key when I came back when he was serving for the set. I am happy because I played my best match of the tournament so far."

Nalbandian, who reached three in the world in 2006 before his career was stalled by hip and groin surgery, went into the tie on a muggy Arthur Ashe Stadium with a 2-2 career record against the Spaniard.

And he was far from unbowed in the opening set when a game plan of all-out attack, which witnessed 18 winners and 23 unforced errors, almost paid dividends before Nadal played a more composed tiebreak.

That gruelling effort took an immediate toll on the 29-year-old Nalbandian, who was broken three times in the second set.

Nalbandian stopped the rot with a surprise break in the opening game of the third, Nadal's concentration

not helped by being hit with a time code violation by umpire Pascal Maria for taking too long between points.

The Spaniard, bristling at the decision, took out his frustrations by breaking back before immediately calling a

medical time-out for treatment on his blistered right foot.

Nadal was another break to the good on his way to a 5-2 lead before the dogged Nalbandian clawed back to 5-5, boosted by a break when the

world number two served for the match at 5-3.

But the second seed held for 6-5 and claimed victory in the 12th game when Nalbandian, whose final error total climbed to 60, served up a seventh double fault.

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